

# Memorandum



**Date:** October 18, 2005

Agenda Item No. 9(V)(1)(A)

**To:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Resolution Approving Updated Mission Statement for  
Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopt the attached Resolution amending the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens mission statement.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Board's approval of the mission statement, and any amendments thereto, is required under the terms of Ordinance No. 98-112 (Vizcaya Ordinance) and Resolution No. R-649-00.

The Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust, as a part of a multi-year, comprehensive planning process, reviewed and recommended to amend Vizcaya's mission statement to more clearly reflect the vision and mission for Vizcaya as a community cultural and educational resource of broad appeal to both residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County. The comprehensive review process was based on input from members of the public and was developed by Vizcaya's professional staff in consultation with Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust members. The revised mission statement, as stated in the attached resolution, was approved by the Trust, subject to final approval by the Board, as follows:

"Vizcaya Museum and Gardens is a National Historic Landmark that preserves the Miami estate of agricultural industrialist James Deering to engage our community and its visitors in learning through the arts, history and the environment."

The revision is intended to more fully explain the diversity of Vizcaya's resources (arts, history, and the environment) and to specify explicitly that the preservation of Vizcaya is important for the educational benefit of Miami-Dade County residents and visitors. Approval of this updated mission statement will allow Vizcaya to unite all of its staff and stakeholders in pursuit of preserving this unique local treasure for the enjoyment and enrichment of Miami-Dade County residents and visitors.

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Alex Muñoz  
Assistant County Manager



# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 18, 2005

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 9(V)(1)(A)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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10-18-05

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED, AMENDED  
MISSION STATEMENT FOR VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND  
GARDENS

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners created the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust (Trust) and delegated to it certain powers concerning Vizcaya; and

**WHEREAS**, in creating the Trust, the Board of County Commissioners directed the Trust to obtain from the Board final approval over any amendments to Vizcaya's mission statement and the Trust now seeks such approval for an amendment to the mission statement,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the amended mission statement of Vizcaya Museum and Gardens is approved as follows:

"Vizcaya Museum and Gardens is a National Historic Landmark that preserves the Miami estate of agricultural industrialist James Deering to engage our community and its visitors in learning through the arts, history and the environment."

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman  
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Sally A. Heyman  
Dorrin D. Rolle  
Katy Sorenson  
Sen. Javier D. Souto

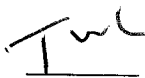
Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler  
Carlos A. Gimenez  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Natacha Seijas  
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of October, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Thomas W. Logue

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**Miami-Dade Legislative Item**  
**File Number: 002214**

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Pedro Reboredo

**Sunset Provision:** No      **Effective Date:**      **Expiration Date:**  
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**BODY**

WHEREAS, the strength and breadth of the Board of the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust would be greatly enhanced by adding as a fully voting member the Chairperson of the Asian American Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, such an addition would recognize the great contribution of Asian Americans to the Miami-Dade County Community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 3 of Miami-Dade County Ordinance 98-112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3. Governing Body.

A. Members. The governing body of the Trust shall be a Board of Trustees composed of [[twenty-three (23)]] >>twenty-four (24)<< members, none of whom shall be employees of the Trust. The members shall be the following:

- (a) One appointment from each member of the Board of County Commissioners;
- (b) One appointment by the Executive Mayor;
- (c) The Miami-Dade County Manager or his designee;
- (d) The President of the Vizcayans;
- (e) The Chairperson of the Foundation of Villa Vizcaya;
- (f) The President of the Guides;
- (g) The Chairperson of the Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc. or designee;
- (h) A Representative of the Deering/Danielson Family chosen by the Trust;
- (i) The President or Chairperson of the Cultural Affairs Council;

(j) The Director of the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department;

(k) The Chairperson of the Miami-Dade Hispanic Advisory Board;

>>(l) The Chairperson of the Miami-Dade Asian American Advisory Board.<<

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(e) special expertise in areas of museum collections, architectural preservation, environmental science, history, museum interpretation, landscaping, or historic preservation.

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#### E. Organization of the Board of Trustees.

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2. Meetings. The Trust shall hold regular meetings, no less than six times per year, and such other meetings, as it deems necessary. [[A majority of the duly appointed and sitting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.]] >>Nine members shall constitute a quorum.<< Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Trust and all meetings shall be duly noticed to the public.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. Incorporation into Miami-Dade Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any

sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

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